

Champions, located in the Marriott Ocean Club in Palm Beach is a very large sport bar, and it was standing room only for this year's Superbowl Sunday. Customers were digging into their famous spinach dip, and, according to the Yvon brothers of Boston, "the best chicken wings in Aruba," while cheering on their favorite team. The Yvons, vacationing every year in Aruba with their wives Christine and Jill during the Superbowl since 1989, have made it a policy to watch the game at Champions ever since the restaurant opened. Joining them were longtime visitors and old friends Ron & Sue Liveratori of Las Vegas.

The restaurant was filled with Indianapolis fans; many who wanted them to win so they could collect on what they felt had been a sure bet. Cindy Boyd and Keith Oxenford of Pennsylvania had a nice start to their vacation, which was their first in Aruba, when he left a winner.

Even the local crowd of Tom Piertsz of ATV with a few cronies found Champions, with their friendly, accommodating staff, their place of choice to watch the biggest American football game of the year, and occupied a front row seat at the bar. This was something one had to arrive early for, so they had a good head start on their beer and wing consumption! Considering Aruba had World Cup Fever this past year, one had to query "Does this match up to real "football" (soccer)?" The answer for locals is a resounding "NO!" but it will have to do until the next World Cup, which isn't every year, like the Superbowl.

Even if one were not a football fan, it would appear that the Superbowl is worth watching for just the commercials, when copywriters really sharpen their wits and display originality. Regular watchers informed THE NEWS reporter that the Superbowl is famous for this, and most of the ads will never be seen on TV again. They cost a fortune for airtime, and marketers go all out to entertain. Now if only regular programming were this witty and intelligent, television would be worth watching more often!